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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW

1. THE PRIME MINISTER OF SINGAPORE, LEE KUAN YEW, VISITED PARIS IN AN "UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY" FROM JUNE 30 TO JULY 2. ON JULY 1 HE PAID A 45 MINUTE COURTESY CALL ON FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING. THE FOLLOWING MORNING HE SAW PRIME MINISTER JACQUES CHIRAC FOR ONE HOUR. LEE LEFT PARIS THAT AFTERNOON.

2. SPEAKING TO THE PRESS ON 1 JULY, LEE CHARACTERIZED HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH GISCARD AS "FRUITFUL" AND SAID THEY HAD TOUCHED MOSTLY ON ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL MATTERS. COMMENTING TO JOURNALISTS AFTER MEETING WITH CHIRAC ON JULY 2, LEE SAID HE HOPED FRENCH INVESTMENTS IN SINGAPORE "WOULD RECEIVE A NEW IMPETUS THANKS TO THE POLICY PURSUED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC." MEANWHILE, FRENCH PAPERS REPORTED THAT A
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FRENCH DELEGATION OF BANKERS AND BUSINESSMEN WOULD

VISIT SINGAPORE AT THE END OF THIS YEAR TO HELP
PREPARE THE FRENCH INDUSTRIAL FAIR SCHEDULED FOR
SINGAPORE AT THE BEGINNING OF 1975.

3. IN A DISCUSSION WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON 5 JULY,
THE ACTING HEAD OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIANDesk JEAN-
FRANCOIS NOUGAREDE, GAVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF
LEE'S MEETINGS WITH GISCARD AND CHIRAC.

A. LEE HAD STRESSED HIS DESIRE TO DIVERSIFY THE SOURCES
OF INVESTMENT IN SINGAPORE AND TO LESSEN HIS COUNTRY'S
DEPENDENCE ON AMERICAN AND JAPANESE CAPITAL. LEE
ADDED HE NOT ONLY WISHED TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC TIES
WITH FRANCE, BUT WITH THE COMMON MARKET AS A WHOLE.
HE NOTED THAT SINGAPORE COULD PROVIDE PROTECTION
AGAINST THE DOUBLE IMPOSITION OF TAXES AND OFFER
SOUND INVESTMENT GUARANTEES.

B. TURNING TO POLITICAL MATTERS, LEE BELIEVED THAT
IN 10 TO 15 YEARS CHINA WOULD HAVE A "SECOND GENER-
ATION" NUCLEAR STRIKE FORCE. AS A CONSEQUENCE, PEKING
WOULD FEEL MUCH MORE "RELAXED" VIS A VIS MOSCOW. AT
THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, CHINA WOULD BELIEVE SHE HAD
"A FREER HAND IN SOUTHEAST ASIA."

C. LEE REITERATED HIS POSITION THAT HE WAS IN NO
HURRY TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA.
HE PREFERRED TO SEE FELLOW ASEANMEMBERS THAILAND
AND THE PHILLIPINES TAKE THE LEAD IN THIS MATTER.
COMMENTING ON ASEAN, LEE BELIEVED IT WAS DEVELOPING
INTO A POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC GROUPING OF REAL
SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE REGION. HE PREDICTED THE
ASSOCIATION'S INFLUENCE WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW.
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